

# NEWTON FAIRFLEET PLAN TAKEN BY REP. CECIL KING TO HOUSE COMMITTEEMEN

The House Merchant Marine affairs committee this week was studying the Fleetfair-International plan of Edsel Newton, Torrance and Long Beach newspaperman, after the proposal, based on lengthy technical and trade studies, was published throughout the nation.

Representative Cecil King of the 17th district said in a letter to Newton that he had taken the plan to the committee chairman.

The Fleetfair-International plan is for a super-colossal world exposition on a fleet of postwar surplus ships, with all the United Nations participating in exhibit entries. The fair fleet would carry an exposition comparable to that at a modern world's fair. It would visit all the principal ports of the world, halting for short or long visits as the occasion would demand.

Fred Hooper, coast manager for the big American-Hawaiian Steamship Co., at San Francisco, co late last week declared to shipping men of the Bay City that "no greater thing has ever been done in foreign trade than the advancement of this proposal. The benefits to be derived from such an undertaking are self-evident."

"It is the most original thing ever offered the shipping world," said Lee K. Vermilio, national Propeller Club official, at a club meeting in Long Beach. He will ask national headquarters to consider early backing of the proposal.

"Newton should be commended for taking the initiative at this time when we should be preparing for a vast postwar world interchange of commodities and experiences," said Al Hill, editor of the Los Angeles Commercial News. "It would be far more sensible to take a world exposition to a large part of the world on ships than to spend millions for a stationary

one where only a comparative few could see it. The ships would be far more economical than the site and buildings." Newton said: "Proper steps are being taken to carry the Fleetfair plan along."

Hardly was the ink dry on the initial publication of his proposal when a Los Angeles move was proposed to "get a ship for Los Angeles."

"That isn't the picture," said Newton. "It will never be. The Fleetfair-International would garner all the publicity and cooperation in the world; no self-seeking community should be allowed to take the edge off it—and probably none will be."

The originator of the plan says he has letters, telegrams and inquiries from all over the country, from earnest people, plus a few anonymous ones from cranks. The constructive support is little short of astonishing.

**KANSAS PICNIC**  
The annual Kansas Spring Picnic Return, will be held at Sycamore Grove Park in Los Angeles on Sunday, April 8.

**LYNCH ELECTED**  
Deputy District Attorney Kenneth E. Lynch has been elected Exalted Ruler of Los Angeles Elks Lodge 89.

**SEVENTH WAR LOAN**  
Hollywood stars will appear at 47 Los Angeles area war plants and shipyard rallies to pave the way for the Seventh War Loan Drive.



**BOYS' WEEK LEADER**... Arthur Read Hewitt, nationally known figure in boys' work, who again heads Council for Promotion of Boys' Welfare, sponsors of Boys' Week. The annual youthful celebration is set for the week of April 29 through May 5. Hewitt was an early day leader in the organization of the Boy Scouts in the United States.

## More Spanish Students Are Needed in Class

Additional attendance is still necessary if the class in beginning and advanced Spanish is to continue at Wilmington Hall, 435 Neptune avenue, according to Walter E. Holstein, principal of Banning Evening Adult School, under whose auspices the class is conducted. Miss Margaret Buchanan instructs the group from 7:30 to 9:30 o'clock. Anyone interested in enrolling is urged to do so immediately to assure the class' continuation.

## Boys' Week Plan Undertaken

Plans for the greatest celebration of Boys' Week in the history of the youth class were under way today with the naming of officers for the coming year as well as the election of twelve newcomers to the board of directors.

Arthur Read Hewitt, hailed as one of the outstanding national figures in boys' work, was again named as president of the Council for Promotion of Boys' Welfare.

Locally, Torrance Lions Club appointed a Boys' Week committee consisting of the following: President H. B. Lewis, 1st Vice President Rollin R. Smith, 2nd Vice President A. R. Palmery, Secretary-Treasurer Frank S. Sclover, Lion Greeter C. Z. Ward, Tailwister Bob Strath, and Directors Dr. Don C. Moskos, H. C. Allen, I. J. Hallanger and W. T. Green.

Torrance Service Club council consisting of various service club officers will name committee to work on the celebration of Boys' Week, it was said.

Hewitt said that Boys' Week will be held the week of April 29 to May 5, with each day honoring boys in various activities.

Other officers elected for the 1945 term were: Joseph Scott, Catholic Big Brothers; D. W. Pontius, Pacific Electric Railway Co., and H. D. Ivey, Citizens National Bank, all vice-presidents; Bernard Morse, Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce, treasurer; Guy M. Hoyt, L. A. Board of Education, secretary; Irving Eckhoff, Southern California OPA, public relations and Dr. James Steinberg, chairman of the board of directors.

The twelve new directors included: Joe E. Brown, motion

**ARMY GETS MEAT**  
The Army demands has caused the present meat shortage existing in the Los Angeles area, according to Marvin Sloan, local War Food Administration director.

**NEBRASKA PICNIC**  
Nebraska Association will hold its spring picnic at Sycamore Grove Park all day Saturday, April 7.

picture star; Henry M. Burgeson, Rotary Club; Douglas Daley, L. A. Chamber of Commerce; Clarence Dykstra, UCLA Provost; LeRoy M. Edwards, L. A. Chamber of Commerce; Floyd W. Forker, President, Boy Scouts; E. J. Loebecke, Kiwanis Club; Floyd Maxwell, L. A. Publishers Assn.; R. P. Nall, Optimist Club; Arthur A. Schuck, Boy Scouts; W. A. Smith, Chairman, L. A. County Board of Supervisors; C. C. Trillingham, Lions Club.

## Lomita Man in Narrow Escape

Tom Willis, of 25530 Oak St., Lomita, narrowly escaped death Friday when powerful March winds destroyed the 100-foot tug Falcon, of which Willis was mate, against a pier at El Segundo, beached a fishing craft and threatened 20 others at Redondo Beach when they sent giant combers crashing 30 feet over the breakwater, forced postponement of the launching of a vessel at Wilmington and toppled trees from rain-soaked ground.

While intermittent showers fell in Torrance during the day mountain areas reported a heavy snowfall.

**Four Escape Death**  
Two of the four men aboard the Falcon escaped death when the tug, despite a dragging anchor was sent crashing at racing speed into the Standard Oil Co. pier at El Segundo. The

other two men miraculously rode a capsized lifeboat through the pier pilings to safety.

Coast Guardsmen hoisted Capt. Carl Carrillo, 509 E. 238th Place, Wilmington, and Mate Willis, from the tug after it had struck the outer end of the pier. The waves quickly reduced the tug to kindling wood.

Engineer George Fliske, Bellflower, and Clifford Casey, the cook, Long Beach, were ordered to the lifeboat just before the Falcon hit the pier. The lifeboat capsized immediately and the two men clung to its bottom as the combers tossed it through the pilings to shore, a half-mile from the pier, where Venice and Redondo Beach life guards hauled them to safety.

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